

May 26, 2004

Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 03-66

Dear Chairman Powell:

Wichita State University has used Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS") channels in the 2.5 GHz band to transmit instructional programming to students in our schools

We understand that a proposal from the Wireless Bureau is being circulated for rushed FCC consideration that would eliminate the eligibility restrictions on ITFS spectrum, and would reduce the amount of spectrum held by each ITFS licensee in order to accommodate new commercial users in the band. This proposal will have effects that are harmful to education.

ITFS is the only spectrum specifically allocated to support formal education. This vital educational asset must be protected, as the FCC promised to do just three years ago. As the FCC updates the technical rules for ITFS to more effectively support a range of new broadband services, **we urge you to reject proposals to allow any ITFS spectrum to be licensed to commercial entities, or to reduce in any respect the total amount of spectrum allocated to ITFS.** If necessary, please delay consideration of the proposal to a later meeting, so that the education communities' concerns can be heard.

The possibilities for future development of educational services in the ITFS band are intriguing. I hope that you will support our efforts to keep this valuable educational resource. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Zoller  
Chief Information Officer

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein